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Mr. John F. Blake Deputy Director for Administration Central Intelligence Agency Room 7D26 - Headquarters Bldg. Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Blake tock

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter dated August 5, 1975 from the Acting Secretary of Treasury, Stephen S. Gardner, in response to Secretary Kissinger's letter of July 12, 1975 to Secretary Simon relating to the taxation of allowances paid to government civilian employees serving overseas.

Sincerely,

James Stromayer

Director

Allowances Staff

Enclosure:

As stated

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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON 20220

AUG 5 1975

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your letter of July 12, 1975, to Secretary Simon, relating to the taxation of allowances paid to government civilians serving overseas.

As you know, we have been working with the InterAgency Committee on this matter for some time. The
questions are very complex, and there is no obvious
answer. We recognize that, as you point out, there has
been no intention to give overseas employees' advantages
over their colleagues who serve at home. However, it
is not at all clear that advantages have not in fact
been given, and in any event it is difficult to justify
treatment for government employees which differs from
treatment of private employees.

The most immediate concern, of course, is the consideration of this issue by the Ways and Means Committee during its tax reform deliberations. We believe that the best course to pursue at this stage is for Treasury to inform the Committee formally of the work of the Inter-Agency Committee and to suggest that consideration of this matter be delayed until the Inter-Agency Committee has completed its work.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen S. Sardner
Acting Secretary

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger Secretary, Department of State Washington, D. C. 20520

cc: Hon. James T. Lynn Director, OMB

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